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Dear Residents of the Village of Williamsville:

As most of you know, the Village of Williamsville purchases water from Springfield (CWLP). In 2012, we absorbed a slight water rate increase from the City of Springfield and did not pass the increase along to residents. The water rate increase just passed by our Village Board is intended to cover the 2012 and 2013 CWLP increases and an additional increase anticipated in 2014. With this increase, we hope to not raise rates again in the near future.

As part of the water system, the Village also maintains 3 water towers and tanks. To date, we've been fortunate and had no catastrophic expenses with the towers and tanks. As a preventative measure, the Board has voted to provide monthly funding to maintain this equipment, beginning in January 2014. We look at this as an opportunity to keep the water equipment in good working order and avoid issues in the future.

Most of you also know that the Village owns, manages and maintains its own sewer system. We recently had a 10% increase in sewer rates – the first increase since 1991. In fact, there was actually a reduction in the sewer rates in 2000. The Village is currently undertaking the Birch Lane sewer project, funded in part with grant funds. There are many other areas in the Village with old sewer lines and our sewer plant will also need to be upgraded within the next few years. We do anticipate another sewer increase in mid-2014.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to maintain the Village water and sewer system. We are trying to keep the rates as low as possible but still provide for present and future maintenance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Village President and Trustees
Village of Williamsville

Recycling & Disposal Reminders

Start the new year by properly getting rid of the old! The Williamsville Public Library accepts the following items for recycling: non-rechargeable batteries, printer cartridges, and cell phones. You can also bring old eyeglasses, prescription sunglasses, and eyeglass cases to the Library. They will be re-purposed for someone in need by the Springfield Noon Lions Club. BLH Computers in Springfield accepts a variety of electronics, including some TV's, at no charge for Williamsville residents. Visit www.blhcomputers.com for details. Fluorescent bulbs, including CFL's, contain mercury and should be brought to Springfield Electric or the service desk at Menards or Lowe's. As you clean out your medicine cabinet remember to properly dispose of any old medicines. They should not be flushed or put into the garbage because they can contaminate water supplies. There's a medicine recycling event every October in Springfield or you can check with your pharmacy. If you have questions about how to recycle or properly dispose of any other items call the Sangamon County Department of Public Health at 535-3100.

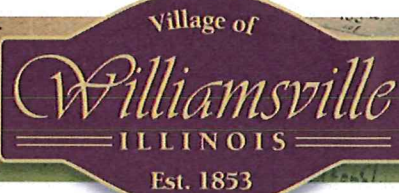


THANKS*THANKS*THANKS*THANKS*THANKS

Thank you to the Township staff, Garden Club Members, Williamsville Community Foundation members, Library and Museum staff, and all the volunteers who do so much to make our Village festive and put together events that make us a "community." We appreciate everything that you do!

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Holiday Paper Recycling



Please remember that Holiday wrapping paper, bows and ribbon are NOT to be placed in the cardboard recycling bin behind the Police Station. You may contact your local waste hauler or check the newspaper for recycling options for gift wrap. Thanks!

Backyard Basics

The Williamsville Garden Club, the Village of Williamsville and Williamsville Public Library will once again be offering Backyard Basics. Join us on Saturday, April 26, 2014, at the Williamsville Community Center at 9:00 a.m. There will be speakers, refreshments, door prizes and the popular plant sale. More details in the next newsletter.

Santa Event

The Williamsville Community Foundation would like to thank everyone who helped put together the annual "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" event on December 7. The Pancake and Sausage breakfast was a new addition and well-received. A special thanks to Nick Menke for putting together the train display.

Snow Removal

Please be sure that your vehicles are not parked on the street during snow and/or ice storms. Village staff will be doing their best to get main arteries cleared as soon as possible and then will concentrate on secondary streets and cul-de-sacs. We will get to your road as soon as possible and keeping our path clear will help us do that even faster!

Also, tell your children not to play in snow drifts alongside the roads. Equipment operators and drivers have difficulty seeing them as they clear the streets.

Thanks for your help!

PRESERVING OUR HISTORY

Are you moving or doing major housecleaning? Do you have old photos or other memorabilia related to Williamsville and surrounding area history that your family may no longer want? **PLEASE DON'T THROW THEM AWAY!** The Williamsville Historical Museum is always looking for new donations that reflect the early history of the people, businesses, homes, etc. of this area. If you have items you would be interested in donating, bring them by the museum on any Tuesday or Wednesday between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for us to look at. You may also contact Sarah at 566-3870 or Nadine at 496-2611 to make other arrangements.

Video Gaming is Here!

Video gaming is now available 24 hours a day at Love's Truck Stop.



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Williamsville Public Library and Museum

Please Help!

The Williamsville Historical Museum is seeking volunteers to help with the inventory of artifacts. If you have a love of history and/or computer skills and some spare time this winter, we would love to have you. Contact Sarah at 566-3870 or Nadine at 496-2611 if you are interested.

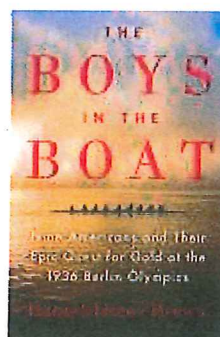
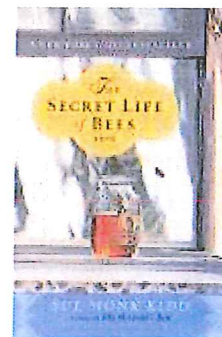
Trivia Night Fundraiser

The Friends of the Williamsville Public Library and Museum will be hosting a trivia night fundraiser for the library and museum on February 22, at 7:00 p.m. at the Williamsville Community Center. Proceeds for the event will go to archival supplies for the museum and an exciting new children's program, 1000 Books before Kindergarten. Form a team of not more than ten players, answer fun and challenging questions, have a wonderful time and help raise money for a good cause. Mark your calendars and call the library at (217) 566-3520 to reserve your table. Pay for your table before February 10 for \$10 a person; payment after February 10 and at the door will be \$15 a person.

E-Books at the Library

The Williamsville Public Library will be giving two workshops on Monday, January 6, at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Did you know that the library actually provides e-books to patrons from two online sources? The library has participated in Library on the Go which uses Overdrive software since 2011 and now participates in the new 3M Cloud Library. As long as you have a valid Williamsville Library card you can check out e-books from home. If you received a Nook, Kindle, Ipad, Iphone, Android Phone, Tablet or Computer for Christmas, you might be able to receive free e-books. Mark your calendars for this workshop or contact the library at (217) 566-3520 for more information.

Book Club — Join us on Thursday, January 23, at the library at 7:00 p.m. to discuss "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd. This novel follows Lily Owens and her only real companion, a fierce black woman named Rosaleen, who acts as her "stand-in mother." When Rosaleen insults three of the deepest racists in town, Lily knows it's time to spring them both free. They take off in the only direction Lily can think of, toward a town called Tiburon, South Carolina - a name she found on the back of a picture amid the few possessions left by her mother, a woman who was killed when Lily was four.



Book Club — On February 27, at 7:00 p.m. at the library, we will meet to discuss "The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics" by Daniel James Brown. This non-fiction selection tells the story of the University of Washington's 1936 eight-oar crew and their epic quest for an Olympic gold medal, a team that transformed the sport and grabbed the attention of millions of Americans.

The sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the boys defeated elite rivals first from eastern and British universities and finally the German crew rowing for Adolf Hitler in the Olympic Games in Berlin, 1936. The emotional heart of the story lies with one rower, Joe Rantz, a teenager without family or prospects, who rows not for glory, but to regain his shattered self-regard and to find a place he can call home. The crew is assembled by an enigmatic coach and mentored by a visionary, eccentric British boat builder, but it is their trust in each other that makes them a victorious team. They remind the country of what can be done when everyone quite literally pulls together—a perfect melding of commitment, determination, and optimism.

Safety Tip: Winter Storm Fire Safety

Generator Safety

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions and guidelines when using generators.
- Use a generator or other fuel-powered machines outside the home. CO fumes are odorless and can quickly overwhelm you indoors.
- Use the appropriate sized and type power cords to carry the electric load. Overloaded cords can overheat and cause fires.
- Never connect generators to another power source such as power lines. The reverse flow of electricity or 'backfeed' can electrocute an unsuspecting utility worker.

Heating Safety

- Alternative heaters need their space. Keep anything that can catch fire at least three feet away.
- Make sure your alternative heaters have 'tip switches.' These 'tip switches' are designed to automatically turn off the heater in the event they tip over.
- Make sure wood stoves are properly installed and at least three feet away from anything that can catch fire. Ensure they have the proper floor support and adequate ventilation.
- Use a glass or metal screen in front of your fireplace to prevent sparks from igniting nearby carpets, furniture or other items that can catch fire.
- Do not use the kitchen oven range to heat your home. In addition to being a fire hazard, it can be a source of toxic fumes.
- Always use a flashlight – not a candle – for emergency lighting.
- Some smoke alarms may be dependent on your home's electrical service and could be inoperative during a power outage. Check to see if your smoke alarm uses a back-up battery and install a new battery at least once a year.
- If there is a fire hydrant near your home, keep it clear of snow, ice and debris for easy access by the fire department.

Chief's Note:

There have been some personnel changes at the Fire Department. Aaron Lorton has been promoted to Captain, Jeremiah Haggard has been promoted to lieutenant and Colleen Trader has become the department's new Medical Officer. On behalf of the Department, we thank them for stepping up to assume new responsibilities. At our annual Christmas party we recognized four members for outstanding service: Bryce Housh is our Rookie of the Year, Ashlee Schooby is the Firefighter of the Year, Colleen Trader is the EMT of the Year and Aaron Lorton is the Officer of the Year. Congratulations on jobs well done!



Williamsville Volunteer Fire

Department

Chief: Brian Mendenhall

Assistant Chief: Tommy Nases

The WVFD is staffed by dedicated men and women of the community who respond 24/7, 365 days a year to fire, medical and other emergencies. Meetings are held every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a member of our team, call us at 566-3311 or visit us at one of our meetings.

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Williamsville Community Calendar

January

January 1	New Year's Day—Village Office and Library Closed
January 5	4 H Meeting in Community Ctr. 5-8 p.m.
January 6	E-Books at the Library at 10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
January 6	Woodcarvers in the Community Center 6:30—9:30 p.m.
January 6	WC Foundation Mtg., 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall
January 7	Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at the Library
January 7	WUMC Senior Potluck at 12 noon
January 7	Library Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. at the Library
January 8	Story Time at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Library
January 9	Quarter Auction, 6:30 p.m. at Comm. Ctr.
January 11	WCF Junior High Dance, 6:30—10 p.m. Community Center
January 13	Village Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
January 14	Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at the Library
January 14	BINGO at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
January 15	Story Time at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Library
January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday—Village Office and Library Closed
January 21	Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at the Library
January 23	Book Club at 7:00 p.m. at the Library
January 27	Village Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
January 28	Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at the Library
January 29	Story Time at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Library

February

February 2	4 H Meeting in Community Ctr. 5-8 p.m.
February 3	WC Foundation Meeting at Village Hall
February 4	Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at the Library
February 4	WUMC Senior Potluck at 12 noon
February 4	Library Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. at the Library
February 4	Woodcarvers in the Community Center 6:30—9:30 p.m.
February 5	Story Time at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Library
February 8	WCF Junior High Dance, 6:30—10 p.m. Community Center
February 10	Village Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
February 11	Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at the Library
February 11	BINGO at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center
February 12	Lincoln's Birthday—Village Office Closed
February 12	Story Time at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Library
February 13	Quarter Auction, 6:30 p.m. at Comm. Ctr.
February 17	President's Day—Village Office and Library Closed
February 18	Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at the Library
February 19	Story Time at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Library
February 22	Friends of the Library "Trivia Night," 7:00 p.m. p.m. at the Community Center
February 24	Village Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
February 25	Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at the Library
February 26	Story Time at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at The Library
February 27	Book Club at 7:00 p.m. at the Library

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

The regular semi-monthly meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Monday of each month and will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. The public is always encouraged to attend. Special board meetings and committee meetings are scheduled as needed. Dates and agendas for all meetings are posted on the board near the door of the Village Hall and may also be reviewed on the Village website.

Approved Minutes and Agendas

may be viewed at the Village Office or the website at

www.williamsville.illinois.gov

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12:30 -3:30 pm

Monday-Friday

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